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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## The SC Department of Insurance Announces New Web Site for SC Safe Home

The SC Safe Home Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program has a new website. "We are pleased to have an updated, and more user-friendly website for homeowners to learn about the importance of strengthening one's home against damaging winds," said Scott Richardson, Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

The new site, <a href="www.scsafehome.sc.gov">www.scsafehome.sc.gov</a> offers information about the damage mitigation grant program as well as helpful information about the various retrofit measures homeowners can take to make their homes stronger against the damaging winds associated with hurricanes and severe storms. New features to the web site will include not only a new logo and look but also helpful information such as the *Mitigation Tip of the Day*, links to DIY retrofits, sponsorship information and important information about coastal property insurance.

"SC Safe Home is an important program helping homeowners take those important steps toward strengthening their homes," said Director Richardson. "To date, the program has awarded more than 600 grants totaling approximately \$3 million to homeowners in areas vulnerable to high winds associated with hurricanes." According to a 2005 National Institute of Building Sciences study, for every dollar spent on hazard mitigation, society saves an average of \$4.00.

Should you have any questions concerning this advisory, please contact Ann Roberson at 803-737-6207.